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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON
BOLIVIAN SITUATION

1. GOV, AFTERNOON OF JULY 22, 1978, WILL ISSUE STATEMENT
ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN BOLIVIA. FONMINISTRY MADE AVAILABLE
TO EMBASSY TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE PRIOR TO ITS APPROVAL
BY PRESIDENT PEREZ. COMMUNIQUE AS FINALLY ISSUED MAY
DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM THIS TEXT.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE AS SUPPLIED BY
FONMINISTRY FOLLOWS:
BEGIN QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA IS OBLIGED TO
EXPRESS ITS SERIOUS PREOCCUPATION OVER THE EVENTS WHICH
HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE FRATERNAL REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA
WHERE A COUP D'ETAT HAS BROKEN ONCE AGAIN THE
POSSIBILITIES OF DEMOCRATIC NORMALIZATION
PROMISED TO THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF GENERAL HUGO BANZAER SUREZ. VENEZUELAN,
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LIKE ALL LATIN AMERICANS, BELIEVED IN THE SINCERITY
OF THOSE PROMISES AND IN THE HONESTY OF THE PROCESS
THROUGH WHICH THEY WERE TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT.
THE ELECTORAL RESULTS HAVING BEEN
ANNULLED BY THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL JUNTA BECAUSE OF ITS
NUMBERLESS IRREGULARITIES, THE COUP D'ETAT CONSUMMATED
BY GENERAL JUAN PEREDA INTENDS TO PREVENT THE PROCESS

OF DEMOCRATIC INSTUATIONALIZATION OF BOLIVIA.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA
TO SILENCE ITS REACTION TOWARD WHAT IT CONSIDERS A
TRAMPLING OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AND A
REGRETTABLE RETROCESSION OF GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE
IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF ALL LATIN AMERICA. VENEZUELA,
WHICH HAS DEMONSTRATED REPEATEDLY ITS AFFECTION OR AND
FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF BOLIVIA,
EXPRESS ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE SETTING STRAIGHT OF
THOSE WHO TRY TO PROLONG THE DE FACTO REGIME IN THAT
COUNTRY AND THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL
JUNTA BE CARRIED OUT. END QUOTE.

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